

Clean Water State Revolving Fund Environmental Review Requirements



The California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Financial Assistance, administers the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program. The CWSRF Program is partially funded by grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. All applicants seeking CWSRF funds must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and provide sufficient information so that the State Water Board can document compliance with federal environmental laws. The [Environmental Package](#) provides the forms and instructions needed to complete the environmental review requirements for CWSRF Program financing. It can be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/srf_forms.shtml

LEAD AGENCY

The applicant is usually the **Lead Agency** and must prepare and circulate an environmental document before approving a project. Only a public agency, such as a local, regional or state government, may be the Lead Agency under CEQA. If a project will be completed by a non-governmental organization, Lead Agency responsibility goes to the first public agency providing discretionary approval for the project.

Responsible Agency, the State Water Board must make findings based on information provided by the Lead Agency before funding a project.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The State Water Board's environmental review of the Project's compliance with both CEQA and federal cross-cutting regulations must be completed before a project can be funded by the CWSRF Program.

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:

STATE WATER BOARD

The State Water Board's mission is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations. To fulfill this responsibility, and to carry out obligations, the State Water Board is a **Responsible Agency** under CEQA. As a

DOCUMENT REVIEW

Applicants are encouraged to consult with State Water Board staff early during development of CEQA documents if considering CWSRF funding. Applicant shall also send their environmental documents to the State Water Board, Environmental Review Unit during the CEQA public review period. This way, any environmental concerns can be addressed early in the process.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The Environmental Review Unit requires the documents listed below to make findings and complete its environmental review. Once the State Water Board receives all the required documents and makes its own findings, the environmental review for the funding will be complete.

- ✓ **Draft and Final Environmental Documents** – Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, and Notices of Exemption;
- ✓ **Resolution** from the applicant adopting/certifying the environmental document, making CEQA findings, and approving the project;
- ✓ **All comments** received during the public review period and the Lead Agency's responses to those comments;
- ✓ **Adopted Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan**, if applicable;
- ✓ **Date-stamped copy of the Notice of Determination or Notice of Exemption** filed with the County Clerk(s) and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research; and
- ✓ **CWSRF Evaluation Form for Environmental Review and Federal Coordination** completed by the applicant with supporting documents.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information related to the CWSRF Program environmental review process and requirements, please contact your State Water Board Project Manager or Mr. Ahmad Kashkoli at (916) 341-5855 or Ahmad.Kashkoli@waterboards.ca.gov.

